

PSA #1 Remember Conservation, When Making Planting Decisions

Don't forget to check your conservation plan prior to making your final planting decisions this spring says William Hunt, State Conservationist for MN NRCS. It's a good idea to review the contents of your conservation plan. With current high corn prices, some farmers in Minnesota are changing their current farming operation to include the planting of more corn! Take the time to review your conservation plan and if you have questions, stop by the local USDA Service Center and review the plan with NRCS.

PSA #2 Review your Conservation Plan prior to spring planting!

According to NRCS, important decisions about field preparation for planting, tillage options, and crop rotations are key to achieving both production and conservation objectives. If you have questions about your conservation plan, stop by the local USDA Service Center and review you're the contents of your conservation plan with NRCS.

PSA #3 Remember, your objective for soil protection is two-fold.

You want to control soil loss to get your levels close to "T", the tolerable soil loss level, and you want to keep nutrients from fertilizer and manure out of surface and ground waters. There are many optional rotational systems, conservation choices and tillage methods that can meet both. If you have questions as to how you can keep soil on your field, stop by the local USDA Service Center and see how NRCS can help you out!

PSA #4 Food, Water, Air

Did you know the food you eat, the water you drink, and the air you breathe is safe and plentiful due to conservation on private lands. The 2002 Farm Bill makes it even easier for landowners to provide affordable and quality food to your table. The water is safe and clean. The air is free of dust and harmful particles because private landowners are planting buffers, building terraces, installing rotational grazing systems, and a variety of conservation practices. These practices keep the soil on the land to keep it productive.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Conservation Partners leading the nation's commitment to land stewardship.

PSA #4 Food

Do you know why the food you buy is affordable and abundant? It's because private landowners are using conservation practices on their land. There are many conservation practices available for landowners to maintain the quality food we enjoy such as planting buffers and leaving residue on fields to protect the soil.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Conservation Partners provide the quality technical assistance landowners have grown to expect. Stop by the local USDA Service Center and see how NRCS can help you solve your resource concerns.